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DENOUNCE THE ACTIONS OF THE ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND AL SHAM(ISIS)

In the last 60 days the world has witnessed a startling advance through eastern Syria and western Iraq by a terrorist organization known as the Islamic State, OR ISIS.

ISIS has embarked upon a systematic campaign of genocide against those under their control who do not practice their brand of Sunni Islam including the slaughter of tens of thousands of members of religious elements including Christians, Muslims, especially members of the minority Yazidi sect. ISIS has beheaded hundreds of men, women and children, buried them alive, shot them dead, and herded hundreds of Yazidi women under the age of 35 into schools and other community buildings as captives and announced they will be sold or gifted to Islamic State “fighters” as sex slaves.

Pope Francis, Egypt’s Grand Mufti Shawqi Allam, President Barack Obama, British Prime Minister David Cameron, French President Francoise Hollande, Assyrian Patriarch Mar Dinkha IV, and a multitude of religious, civic and political leaders around the globe have condemned the slaughter of the innocents by the Islamic State terrorists.

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Finally, over 50,000 Yazidis have fled to the mountains of northern Iraq after being told to “convert or die” by Islamic State and tens of thousands have died there of starvation and thirst. It is time for our Board to heed the famous quote from Edmond Burke, “the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1) That our Board condemn in the strongest possible terms the brutal savagery of the terrorist group Islamic State and their commission of genocide against religious minorities in territories under their control.
- 2) Direct our Washington DC advocates to send a 5 signature letter to the President expressing our support in using American diplomatic and military resources to assist those religious minorities struggling to survive.